

# The Peoples of the World Foundation

*Educatio gratia Commutationis*

## 2006 Annual Report

### Summary

2006 was our most successful year so far. We continued to fulfill our mission and greatly exceeded most of our goals. We continued our work in South America, undertaking assignments in Colombia and Peru. We continued post-production of our first feature-length documentary, although it was not completed in 2006 as originally planned. We expanded the content of our indigenous peoples' Web portal. Donations were up by 56% over 2005 allowing us to sponsor two scholars and also to make a significant donation toward indigenous education in Ecuador.

### Assignments

In 2006 we undertook assignments that took us back to South America for the first time in two years. We visited Colombia and Peru and worked with four Amazonian peoples there: the Ticuna, Cocama, Yagua and Bora. This work is previewed on our Web portal at:

<http://www.peoplesoftheworld.org/assignments/colombiaperu.jsp>.

We also established contacts in Colombia and Peru to work with these and other indigenous peoples on return visits.

### Scholarships

In 2006 we awarded two educational scholarships, fulfilling the first part of our

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mission — “education for indigenous peoples.” These scholarships were awarded to members of the Mien indigenous group in Thailand. These scholarships will allow one scholar to continue their education in 2007 and another to continue their education through 2009.

We also donated US\$ 4,700 to the Kallari Foundation, which is the US-based, charitable arm of the Kallari Association in Ecuador, South America. These funds are being used to facilitate education in indigenous communities in the Rio Branco region of Ecuador.

### Publications

Fulfilling the second part of our mission — “education about indigenous peoples,” — we published the following content on our Web portal in 2006.

*The Cherokee.* We completed our work with the Cherokee in 2005 and published this article in 2006. The article is available at <http://www.peoplesoftheworld.org/text?people=Cherokee>.

*Mine Thauk Pan Ethnic Orphanage.* This travel story, written by our President, Dr. Ray Waddington, was based on time he spent volunteering at an orphanage while on assignment in Burma (Myanmar) in 2005. The article is available on our Web portal at:

[http://www.peoplesoftheworld.org/individuals/mine\\_thauk\\_orphanage/index.jsp](http://www.peoplesoftheworld.org/individuals/mine_thauk_orphanage/index.jsp).

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A version of this article has also been accepted for publication in the travel guidebook: D. Gilliland (ed.) *To Myanmar with Love*. Bangkok: Things Asian Press (2007, in press). Dr. Waddington will donate the author's honorarium to the Foundation.

*The Mien*. This is one of our recent, hosted works written by Mr. Alejandro Cardeinte. It is available on our Web portal at:

<http://www.peoplesoftheworld.org/hosted/mien>.

*Priceless!* When he was on assignment in Peru in 2006 our President, Dr. Ray Waddington, visited an indigenous Cocama community in which a small girl had recently suffered severe burns to her leg. This article documents the story of how he got her the urgent medical attention she needed. It was first published in *The Iquitos Times*, January-February, 2007 Edition, and is also available at:

<http://www.iquitostimes.com/priceless.htm>.

Our Directors donated to cover the girl's medical expenses.

### **Educational Resources**

Our Web portal continued to help fulfill the second part of our mission — “education about indigenous peoples.” The site received over 350,000 page views in 2006 (up almost 50% over 2005), and is hyperlinked from over one hundred other Web sites. It is now one of the most visited resources on the Internet for information about indigenous peoples.

Our materials — photo-ethnographic essays, audio-visual slideshow documentaries and limited-edition, fine art prints — were used

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extensively by K-12 and tertiary-level educational institutions world wide.

### **Governance**

In 2006 we appointed two new members to our Board of Directors: Samuel Armstead was appointed *Africa Coordinator* and John Nagella was appointed *India Coordinator*. Their biographies are available on our Web portal at:

<http://www.peoplesoftheworld.org/board.jsp>.

### **Donations and Finances<sup>1</sup>**

Our sole source of funding in 2006 was from the donations of private citizens. Donations in 2006 increased 56% over 2005. On behalf of our 2006 scholars and beneficiaries, we extend our grateful thanks to all our past and present donors. Without you we would not be here!

Income	\$ 11625
Expenses	(\$ 10816)
Balance	\$ 809

In addition to financial contributions, we acknowledge the contributions of our Directors, Advisors and others who contributed their time and their belief in our mission to make 2006 such a successful year.

### **Plans for 2007**

Our plans for 2007 are already being formulated; they are very ambitious. We will continue our current focus with one or more assignments in North/Central/South America. Our potential destinations in 2007 include Argentina, Belize, Bolivia, Chile,

<sup>1</sup> Financial data appearing in this report have not been audited.

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Colombia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and the Yucatan peninsula of Mexico.

We will appoint more advisors and/or directors to help us continue to fulfill our mission in 2007.

We will complete our documentary, *Peoples of the World: Southeast Asia*. We will hold the world premiere of this documentary as a fund-raising event for the Foundation.